Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be applied to Tom Nelson; and,

Whereas, Tom has been the dedicated Mayor of Lead, South Dakota, for 11 years and has spent many years serving in the public sector; and,

Whereas, Tom's leadership was instrumental in developing the Homestake Mine as an underground laboratory; and,

Whereas, Tom served on many boards, and also acted as the President of the Black Hills Badlands and Lakes Association, Deadwood Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau, South Dakota Visitor's Industry Alliance, and South Dakota Elks Association, and has acted as Executive Director of the Lead Area Economic Development. Tom is currently the President of the Deadwood Gaming Association; and,

Whereas, Tom served as a state Senator from 2008 to 2012; and,

Whereas, It is an honor to be able to offer this small measure of gratitude and to join many others in thanking Tom for his devoted service to the people of South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 7, 2013, as

TOM NELSON DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State